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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA TRIP BY MOFA PARLIMENTARY

VICE MINISTER

REF: HAVANA 1967 (NOTAL)

1. MOFA CUBAN DESK CHIEF HIRAMATSU TOLD EMBOFFS ON JULY 25 THAT PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER AINO WOULD VISIT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES FROM AUGUST 3 TO 22. AINO, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PERSONAL SECRETARY AND MOFA OFFICER, WILL VISIT ECUADOR, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, GUATEMALA, MEXICO AND CUBA. HIRAMATSU SAID THAT AINO HAD ASKED TO SEE CASTRO DURING AUGUST 20-21 CUBAN STOP.

COMMENT: AINO VISIT IS UNLIKELY TO BE PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY. MOFA OFFICER NOTED THAT NEITHER OF PERSONS ACCOMPANYING AINO WAS SUBSTANTIVE OFFICER, AND LEFT CONFIDENTIAL

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DISTINCT IMPRESSION HE EXPECTED LITTLE BUSINESS TO BE DONE. MEMBERS OF DIET, PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTERS HAVE TRADITIONALLY MADE AT LEAST ONE EXTENSIVE "GOOD WILL" TRIP DURING THEIR TENURE. THIS APPEARS TO BE AINO'S. NONETHELESS, IN VIEW OF RELATIVE INFREQUENCY OF HIGH LEVEL JAPAN-CUBAN CONTACTS, HAVANA STOPOVER BEARS WATCHING. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMA-

TION THAT MAY COME TO ATTEN	TION OF OTHER ADDRESSEES
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